STATE/UT	SC	ST	TOTAL
Tripura	0	3	29
Uttar Pradesh	113	0	1892
West Bengal	61	7	1003
Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	3
Chandigarh	2	0	19
Dadar and Nagar Haveli	0	1	3
Delhi	3	0	239
Daman & Diu	0	0	4
Lakshadweep	0	0	0
Pondicherry	4	0	25
Total	737	244	15092

Kerosene Agencies in the Country

3174. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of kerosene agencies in the country as on date State-wise and the number of those belonging to SC/ST people; and

(b) what steps are being taken to fill up the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) As on 1-1-92, there were 5983 SKO/LDO dealerships in the country, out of which 428 dealerships/distsibutorships pertained to SC/ST category. State-wise break-up is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(b) As per the existing policy being followed by the Oil Industry, 25 per cent of all dealerships/distributorships are reserved for SC/ST category.

Statement

SKO/LDO Dealerships of Kerosene as on 1-1-1992

STATE/UT	SC	ST	Total
Andhra Pradesh	26	6	600
Arunachal Pradesh	0	15	28
Assam	12	13	339
Bihar	19	4	384
Bhutan	0	0	1

STATE/UT	SC	ST	Total
Gujrat	15	28	457
Goa	0	0	17
Haryana	9	0	137
Himachal Pradesh	2	0	24
Jammu & Kashmir	3	0	30
Karnataka	17	9	301
Kerala	3	0	233
Madhya Pradesh	17	6	347
Maharashtra	45	29	651
Manipur	1	7	34
Meghalaya	1	16	34
Mizoram	0	5	15
Nagaland	0	8	18
Orissa	5	2	167
Punjab	6	0	230
Rajasthan	11	3	235
Sikkim	0	0	8
Tamil Nadu	20	0	454
Tripura	0	1	39
Uttar Pradesh	26	0	649
West Bengal	27	5	430
Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	1
Chandigarh	1	0	11
Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0	0	1
Delhi	12	0	95
Daman & Diu	1	0	5
Lakshadweep	0	0	0
Pondicherry	1	0	8
Total :	280	148	5983